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THE Dissenting Teachers ADDRESS TO The *J---to* against the BILL FOR Building Fifty new Churches, in and about the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*; AND The *L---d W----* ANSWER.

With some *very useful* Advertisements.

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To the truely Noble, and most MAGNIFICENT, their HIGHNESSES the Lords PROTECTORS of *W-----gism F---n---cism* and Revolution Principles.

The Humble Addreſs of the Poor Diſtreſſed States of Enthuſiaſm and Schiſm.

May it Pleaſe your HIGHNESSES,

WE, who before always approach'd this Illuſtrious *Quinquinvirate*, with Joy and Triumph, Congratulating Our *growing* Intereſt and Power, Treading down the *Scarlet Whore*, Reaping daily the Fruits of thoſe Victories over the *Church*, which

you, Our *Patrons*, and *Protectors* ſo Glorioufly Atchiev'd for Us: Do now lay our ſelves before your Honours, in quite different Circumſtances; Dejected, Amaz'd, Confounded; the *Crown is fallen from Our Head*, the Enemy Rides Triumphantly over it; the *Church* of *England* appears with new Luſtre, *Her firſt Lovers* are return'd to Her, She is taken out of the Duſt, Our *Honour* is laid in it, and *How are the mighty fallen?*

If this were all, *peradventure we could have born it*, and have waited patiently for the Reſult of your Councils, for the Fruits of your ſubtile Intreagues; and Happy Skill in recovering a bad Game, who, like the *Immortal W--liam* though you looſe the Battle, can manage ſo well the Retreat, that it looks very like a Victory; this Proſpect would have given Refreſhment to our drooping

drooping Spirits, and our Hopes of *Riſing* again by your Help, would have made Our *F A L L* leſs grievous to Us. But alaſs! theſe Hopes will ſink, and every thing in view Comfortable and Chearing, will certainly fail Us, unleſs an immediate Interruption be given to that *Irreligious* and moſt *Diabolical*, *High-flying* Bill, *for Building Fifty new Churches, in and about the Cities of* London *and* Weſtminſter; if theſe Churches are Built up, depend upon it, We are thrown down; Encreaſe the Number of Churches, and that of Meetings will Decreaſe: Though your Highneſſes ſhould be able again to turn the great Wheel of Government, yet the paſſing of that Bill, will give Us the Fate of *Turn-Spits*; to be always at the Bottom though the Wheel goes round.

We muſt be plain with your *Highneſſes*

neſſes, and tell the Truth; the Notion of our Numbers, gave us our late Power; and this we ſtill urge for a Return of it; the Fulneſs of our Meetings is the *firſt Cauſe* of this Notion; that *Cauſe* will certainly be removed by this Bill, and we leave Your Highneſſes to judge what the Fate of the *Effect* will be.

Alaſs! our Meetings are not fill'd with Diſſenters, we are but a poor contemptible Handful of Men; not enough to make *hardly One* handſome Aſſembly, even *Salters-Hall*, if none but *Diſſenters* came to it, would, in a few Months, be as a pleaſant green Valley, and the *Neighing Horſe might take his Paſtime therein*: But Thoſe that chiefly make up our Aſſemblies, are either Such as are excluded the Church, by the Narrowneſs of it, or Such as have taken Offence

fence at their own Miniſter, have quarrel'd with the Church-Wardens, taken it ill that they had not the upper Pews, or it may be a Vote in the Veſtry, together, with Multitudes of Fops, who come to ſee the *Daughters of our Iſrael.* Thus we *toſs up* a Meeting with this ſtrange Medley of Ingredients, and like *Pontack*, call the *Ragouſt* one entire Diſh; a Number of new Churches will reconcile the Diſſatisfied, and make our Meeting-Houſes as empty as *Newgate* after a Seſſions; or *Bridewel*, when the Day of *Solemn Scourging* is over; the Proud and Lofty Ones will be tempted by the Offer of the chief Seats in the Synagogue; the Peeviſh will have *Choice* of Miniſters, and the Diſoblig'd become themſelves *Church-Wardens*, and have, upon this new Eſtabliſhment, the Conduct of Parochial Affairs, the Fops of this

World will entice our Daughters to go a *Whoreing after their new Inventions*: Thus Religion will ſink, the Glory of God will fall away, the *Good old Cauſe* will *die again*, *Enthuſiaſm* will be Bankrupt, *Schiſm* become a Laughing-ſtock, *Revolution Principles* fall as low as the *Mine Adventure*, and the Eſpouſers of them will be eſteemed leſs Dangerous than the Corps of *Guiſcard*; and, like that, be ſhewed only for a Sight, and it may be in *Pickle* to.

We have been *ſeeking the Lord greatly* for a Remedy againſt this impending Evil; yea, *very greatly* have ſought Him; and the Spirit guides Us to You, to You moſt illuſtrious Patrons, You have wordly Cunning, and can defeat the Deſigns of Religious Enemies; You can break the Meaſures of *Achitophel*, catch the *Fox*

in

in his *crafty Witenes and hold his Head in a String gloriously.*

And moreover, how did our Hearts rejoyce at the frequent Declarations from the Throne, and Assurances from the Parliament (when you *fried* the One, and B--b'd the Other into what you pleas'd) that the *Toleration should be inviolably maintain'd.* Behold, now it is encroach'd upon; that good Christian Liberty will, in a Manner, be taken from us; and by this Jesuitical Artifice of Building new Churches, the Design of it wholly defeated, for alass! to what Purpose do they *Tolerate* our Meetings, if they tempt from us, the greatest Part of Those that compose them? There must be some secret Intention, to do Injury to *God's Elect*; to take away the Dominion of the good peaceable Saints, and reduce us to our poor

Primitive Inconſiderableneſs here on Earth.

How alſo will the *Pretender* rejoyce, when the News reaches Him, that ſo many *Popiſh* Chapels are preparing for Him, that his Intereſt prevails, and Our's, *his only Enemies*, declines; this will certainly encourage Him to make a ſecond Invaſion; then will the *Bank* tremble, the *India-Company* ſhake, Credit ſink, Trade fall away, the Lotteries not be drawn, and an univerſal Deadneſs ſeize every Thing, that animates, and keeps alive the *Grand Alliance*; and ſhall this be done for a few ungodly ſteeple'd *Ædifices*? fit only, as our Fathers have ſhewn Us, to be plunder'd, and turn'd into Stables.

Give us leave to be a little Earneſt with your Highneſſes upon this Occaſion,

caſion, We apprehend more Miſchief to our ſelves from this Diabolical BILL, than We did from that to prevent *Occaſional Conformity*; this will touch us in the tender'ſt Part, and bring inevitable Ruin to us: Where are the K---gs, the L---h---eres, the I---kils, and all the Noble Patriots of S--hiſm, and Fact---n; ſtir them up moſt Noble Lords, tell them 'tis the Cauſe of God; nay, the *Good Old Cauſe* of God, that wants their Help; let them buckle on the old Armour of Aſſurance, let them take the Helmet of Obſtinacy, the Sheild of Scandal, and the Sword of Religious Cant, and cut down theſe Builders of *Babel*, confound the Enemies of the Elect, and reſtore us to our late Dominion and Glory.

We humbly recommend your Highneſſes to the moſt ample Portion

of Grace, and earneſtly pray for a Bleſſing upon all your Undertakings; which (give us leave to aſſure you) will be Greater, or Leſs, as you are zealous in this moſt important, and moſt Religious Affair.

THE

L---d W----'s ANSWER.

WHAT *the Devil would you have us do? You know we*

we have no more Interest than so many Journey-men TAYLORS; *go Home, and be quiet, let them build* CHURCHES *if they will, and be damn'd; the more they build, the more we shall have to Plunder, when we get Uppermost again, and let that Glorious Prospect content You.*

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Advertiſements.

THE Elders of the Meeting-Houſe in *Stepney-Fields*, do hereby give Notice, that it will be Let, or Sold, upon the Building of Three new CHURCHES in that Pariſh, it is a large Room, and very convenient for a Cow-Houſe, or a quantity of Hay, Hemp, Oukham, and Old or New Ropes; if they can agree for the Galleries, it is extreamly Commodious for a Muſick Room; there

there are in it diverſe private Receſſes very curiouſly fitted up, for any diverſion that requires Secreſy.

II.

Whereas, there is a Malicious Report, that the Reverend Mr. *T---gue* Miniſter of the Goſpel, has given over Anſwering Queſtions in Divinity, and Solving Caſes of Conſcience; this is to inform the Publick that the ſaid Report is Falſe, and that Mr. *T---gue* does continue ſtill to give Anſwers, and hear Caſes at very low and reaſonable Rates, at his Houſe from Nine to Two, beware of Counterfeits;

feits; He is a middle *size'd* Man, wears a Copper colour'd Coat, has great Intereſt with the Old Ladies, and Loves *Bohee-Tea* wonderfully.

III.

There is now in the Preſs.

And will ſpeedily be Publiſh'd, *A Treatiſe, ſhewing the Duty of every Chriſtian Audience,* immediately to go out of the Church, when the Preacher advances falſe Notions, and contrary to the Old Eſtabliſh Doctrines of Chriſtianity, Dedicated to the Mayor and Aldermen of *Salisbury*, with the Authors humble Service to Mr. *G --ſh.*

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IV.

Whereas Mr. Sh---re *Teacher of God's Word did formerly resolve not to come over to the Church of* England, *for a* Living *of less value than his Conventicle; upon second Thoughts, he will comply for* 200 l. per Annum, *if any Patron, either of the Laiety or Clergy has a Living of that value to dispose off, with a fine House and Gardens, and paid easily, he believes he shall accept of it, and is to be spoke with at his House from Nine to Twelve of the Clock, and from Three to Six:* N. B. *He does not care how soon this matter is over.*

V.

Mr. *M---uit* near St. *Mary*

Magdalen Church having let his Meeting-Houſe, has a Pulpit little worſe for wearing to diſpoſe off, it will make with ſmall Alteration a very curious Beaufet: There are already in it very pretty conveniences, which he formerly us'd for his Bottles, Pipes, Tinder-Box, Cards, and Cribbage-Boards; theſe may eaſily be converted to more elegant Uſes, and will be ſold a Pennyworth.

Juſt Publiſh'd:

A Plea for the Pirates of Madagaſcar, *in which it is prov'd that they have as good a right*

right to Pardon and Preferment, upon the Account of their Money, *as the W----gs in* Great Britain, *and that to get an Eſtate by Piracy in thoſe remote Seas is a leſs Crime, than to raiſe a Fortune by betraying our Native Country, plundering the Publick, miſapplying, or not accounting for Thirty five M---l--ons: Dedicated to the Author of the* MEDLEY.

A Trunk-maker having left of his Trade, hath Part of his Stock yet to diſpoſe off, conſiſting of ſeveral Sermons and Pamphlets, to be ſold by the Pound, (*viz.*) Almoſt the whole Edition of a Sermon, Entituled the *Sea Aſſize*; and a great Number of *Latin* Things about *Sion-College*; Fifty Ream of Letters to Dr. *Sacheverel*, by

by an *Inferiour Clergy-man*, by an *Oxford Gentleman*, and another by a *Fellow at Cambridge*, and vaſt Quantities of the *Curate of Salop's* Satyr upon St. *Paul*; together with the entire Edition of the Vindication of the City Clergy-men, who refuſed to ſign the Biſhop of *London's* late Addreſs, and acknowledge the Q----n's Title to the Throne of Her Anceſtors, and *abjure* the Pretender; with many other Pieces by the ſcribling *Abbettors* of *Popery*, and Faction.

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